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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINGSTON 0150

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PINT, JM

SUBJECT: KINGSTON GHETTO FIGHTING AT REDUCED LEVEL

REF: (A) KINGSTON 125; (B) KINGSTON 110

1. PARTISAN FIGHTING IN TRENCH TOWN AREA BETWEEN PNP AND JLP FACTIONS CONTINUED AT A LOWER LEVEL DURING THE LAST 24 HOURS. TWO FIRES WERE SET BY MOLOTOV COCKTAILS IN THE JLP STRONGHOLD OF TIVOLI GARDENS. THE ENRAGED RESIDENTS WERE RESTRAINED BY THEIR MP OPPOSITION LEADER EDWARD SEAGA FROM TAKING RETALIATORY ACTION AGAINST PNP SUPPORTERS IN NEIGHBORING LIZARD TOWN.

2. SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE DAWN A BOMB IS REPORTED TO HAVE

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BEEN SET OFF IN THE BARBICAN AREA OF THE CITY. NO

DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DAMAGE CAUSED OR WHAT WAS THE TARGET. SHORTLY AFTER NOON A PARKED CAR ON PRINCESS STREET IN DOWNTOWN KINGSTON (SEVERAL BLOCKS FROM EMBASSY) WAS BOMBED. FORTUNATELY NO CASUALTIES.

3. MOBILE POLICE PATROL COVERAGE OF THE RESIDENCE AND MISSION BUILDINGS HAS BEEN EXTENDED FROM A DAY-LIGHT HOURS ONLY BASIS (REF. B) TO 24-HOUR COVERAGE.

4. POLICE AND ARMY SEARCHES IN THE RIOT AREA ARE BEGINNING TO TURN UP SMALL CACHES OF MOLOTOV COCKTAILS AND AN OCCASIONAL HAND GUN. NO MAJOR FINDS HAVE BEEN MADE.

5. COMMENT: WHILE THE FIGHTING HAS ABATED, IT IS STILL FAR FROM OVER. WHAT IS CURRENTLY BEING EXPERIENCED MAY BE ONLY A LULL.
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